

Alaska Alternate Assessment Calendar of Important Dates 2013-2014

Yellow = DTC task, Blue = DLM* Activities

DATE	ACTIVITY
2013	
September 16	Communities of Practice Meeting to transition to Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) standards and assessments for SWSCD, Anchorage
September 23	DRA Help Desk opens
September 23	Open online training system https://ak.k12test.com/
September 25	Returning Qualified Trainers webinar (3:30 to 4:30)
September 26	New Mentors (Mentors in Training) webinar (3:00 to 4:30)
September 25-26	Introduce AK-DLM Essential Elements for SWSCD
November 7-8	Annual Alternate Assessment Mentor Training, Anchorage November 8 – Neal Kingston introduces DLM to AA Mentors
November - January	Mentors train district assessors (new and returning) and change status in online system. Assessors complete online training and proficiency exams.
November 28	Districts submit Alternate Assessment LP/Braille Counts to EED
December 30	DRA generates new passwords for DRA AA Reporting Website – distributed to Mentors and DTCs January/February
2014	
January 15-January 31	DLM Field Test #1
January 17	AA Large Print and Braille tests mailed to District Test Coordinators for distribution to appropriate AA mentors and assessors
January 22	Pretest Audio and Preview of Online System for Mentors, 3:30-4:30 pm (include DLM field test information)
January 24	Vendor deletes all practice data from online website (student demographics and scores)
January 27	Alternate Assessment Test Window Opens, 8:00 AM
February 8 - 14	Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference (ASSEC)
February 17	Assessors enter student caseload and demographic information into online system: https://ak.k12test.com/ , Data Entry → Student Setup
February 25-26	District Test Coordinators and Lead Qualified Mentors receive updated passwords for Secure Web Reporting Site for AA individual student reports
March 17-April 11	DLM Field Test #2
April 4	Alternate Assessment Test Window Closes at 6:00 PM Final date for entering and submitting student scores into online system
April 8	Post-Test Webinar for Mentors, 3:30-4:30 Field testing (includes DLM field testing information)
April 15	DRA Help Desk Closes
April 30	Close of assessor/mentor Survey of Consequential Validity https://ak.k12test.com/ , link on home page
May 1-end of school	DLM Field Test #3
May 1	EED emails districts to confirm mentor status as returning or new
May 16	Reporting Website Opens for District Test Coordinators and Mentors AA Individual Student Report and Guides to Test Interpretation available: https://akreports.k12test.com/
May 23	Focus Group (audio or webinar), QAs, QTs, DTCs, Special Ed Director
August/September	EED emails districts with registrations for Annual Mentor Training

Note: If a student requiring Large Print/Braille Alternate test forms arrives late in district, contact EED before December 20, 2013.

*DLM = Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment Consortium